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"UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS"

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THURSDAY

ORCHESTRA: RANGER SONG

ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers." --

ORCHESTRA: QUARTET

ANNOUNCER: To strengthen the protection system for the National Forests, to facilitate their efficient administration and the development of their resources in the interest of the public, it is necessary that the road and trail systems be extended and other improvement work be done. The United States Forest Service has seen its responsibility to be not only the accomplishment of this work as rapidly as available funds will permit, but the extension of the greatest possible amount of relief for unemployment, while the work is being carried on. -- We are informed that a small allotment of funds has just been made available to the Pine Cone District for the construction of a new fire protection road, or truck trail, as they are called, and as we take you now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station we find our old friend Forest Ranger Jim Robbins and his young assistant Jerry Quick about to organize a crew of men to undertake the work. --

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JERRY: (COMING UP) -- Hey, Jim!

JIM: Yeah, Jerry?

JERRY: (UP) Gosh, you oughta see the mob outside. I bet there's a hundred men out there!

JIM: Uh huh. They're after jobs on our new truck trail, Jerry. You see, the Supervisor telephoned this mroning that the money has been allotted for building the Cold Spring road, so I phoned the County Commissioners that we have a few jobs open and for them to spread the word to men who need work.

JERRY: Gosh, the news sure got around quick.

JIM: So it did.

JERRY: But we can't take on all these men, Jim. The job only calls for a fifteen to twenty man crew, and we haven't enough tools and equipment for any more.

JIM: That's true enough Jerry. I talked it over with the Supervisor, though, and it seems this money comes from the emergency appropriation for unemployment relief and it's the policy of the Forest Service to spread the work to as many men as possible.

JERRY: Yeah, but I don't see how we can hire more men than we've got work for.

JIM: Well, we can follow the scheme they've used on other road jobs - rotate the crews.

JERRY: How do you mean --

JIM: Put 'em on for two weeks, let 'em go and put on another bunch.

JERRY: That oughta spread the work all right, but what will it do to the job, Jim? We'd have to break in a whole new crew every two weeks.

JIM: No, we'll stagger 'em. We'll put on ten men this week to set up camp and start the clearing. Next week we'll put on ten more and after that we will turn off half the crew and put on ten new men each week as long as the job lasts. That way we won't disrupt the workd. There's always men coming and going on a construction job any way.

JERRY: Yeah, that's true. -- But how are you going to pick the men?

JIM: We'll get a list of them all first, and then -

BESS: (COMING UP) Oh, Jim --

JIM: Hello, Bess.

BESS: Jim, who are all those men out in front?

JIM: They're looking for work, Bess.

BESS: Oh.

JIM: I guess I forgot to tell you that we finally got an allotment for that new truck trail we need so badly up in the Cold Spring area.

BESS: Oh, isn't that splendid!

JIM: Yep. It'll sure help to get a road in there. It'll cut down the time it takes to get men in there in case a forest fire breaks out, by nearly six hours.

JERRY: Yeah, it certainly will be a help, Mrs. Robbins. If we'd had a road up in there last summer when that big fire broke out, we'd have got action on that fire a lot quicker.

BESS: I know. Jim has said many a time how badly we need a road in there.

JIM: Well, now that we've got the funds, we want to start work on it right away, Bess. -- While the weather's giving us a good break.

BESS: Yes, of course.

JIM: I'm going to get a crew organized right now, so we can start up this afternoon.

BESS: Oh, but Jim, dinner's going to be ready before long. You aren't going to hire your crew before dinner, are you?

JIM: I don't like to keep these men waiting, Bess. Poor fellows. I reckon they've been waiting a long time for a chance to work, as it is.

BESS: Yes, I guess they have. -- Oh, I'm so sorry for them, Jim. They all look so anxious.

JERRY: They sure do. Hardly any of 'em saying a word.

BESS: Isn't it a shame you can't use them all, Jim? It'll be so hard to turn any of them away.

JIM: Yes, it will. But I'm going to take time to see every last one of 'em, Bess - and do the best I possibly can to give the work where it will do the most good.

BESS: Oh, that's fine, Jim!

JIM: You won't mind holding dinner up a little while, will you, Bess?

BESS: (GOING OFF) No, of course not. You go right ahead --

JIM: Well, Jerry. Let's get at it.

JERRY: Okay.

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JIM: Let's see -- we figured the job would take about six weeks, didn't we?

JERRY: Yeah. Six weeks working time. It'll take longer than that, though, of course, if the weather holds us up.

JIM: Well, six-weeks working time -- that means we can give work to sixty men on this job, at the least. And then we'll have a reserve list, in case there's any vacancies occur in the crews.

JERRY: Yeah. Say, that'll be spreading work out among quite a few unemployed, at that - for a little job like this one, - won't it?

JIM: Yep. It's better to give a little work to a lot of men than a lot of work to just a few and leave the rest with none at all.

JERRY: That's true enough.

JIM: Of course, what the Forest Service is doing for unemployment relief is only a drop in the bucket, but we want to do that the best we can, Jerry - and stretch every dollar we have for improvement work just as far as it'll go to give jobs to those that need 'em.

JERRY: The old Service spirit!

JIM: Yep. - We'll have to give preference to men with families, of course. -- You can help me here, Jerry, - we want to get down the number of dependents and place of residence and so on for each man, and his former occupation - whether he's had any experience as a cook, or powder-man, or running a grader or driving a tractor or the like.

JERRY: Okay.

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JIM: Want to call in the first one, Jerry?

JERRY: Sure.

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JERRY: (OFF) All right - Come in, Mister - Wait a minute!

Wait a minute! One at a time. No use crowding. We'll list everybody before we quit - so take your time.

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

JIM: Hmm. - Eight children, eh? That's a big enough responsibility for a man workin' steady, let alone a fellow without a job. -- Ham. -- All right, pardner, I'm puttin' you down with the first crew, starting this afternoon. Can you be ready to leave this afternoon?

VOICE: Yes sir.

JIM: Good. We'll be starting from here about two-thirty.

VOICE: (GOING OFF) Yes sir, thank you, a lot, Ranger.

(SOUND OF DOOR)

JIM: Jerry, this business kinda takes a tug at the old heartstrings now and then.

JERRY: Gosh, it sure does, Jim.

JIM: Take that fellow we just talked to there - eight children to feed and nothing to do it with. He hasn't had any work since last April.

JERRY: He looked pretty discouraged, didn't he? Gee I'm sure glad we have even a little work we can give these fellows.

JIM: Yep. - Well, let's talk to the next one, Jerry. How many more you got out there?

JERRY: Oh, at least twenty or thirty.

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JERRY: (OFF) You next? -- All right, come on in. -

(SOUND OF DOOR)

LAWTON: (COMING UP) Good morning, sir.

JIM: Good morning.

LAWTON: Say, what's the chance of gettin' on that road job?

JIM: Well, we'll see.

LAWTON: I gotta get work - Mister Robbins, I gotta get work,
that's all.

JIM: We'll do our best for you, son. - Did the county
commissioners' office send you up?

LAWTON: No, sir. I heard you were taking on men for a road
job here, though. - Gee, I sure hope you can put me on.

JIM: What's your name, son?

LAWTON: Lawton - Bud Lawton. You know me, I worked for you on
that fire last summer.

JIM: Oh yes, sure enough. Lawton, eh? How old are you?

LAWTON: Twenty-two.

JIM: How many dependents?

LAWTON: Uh - How do you mean?

JIM: Have you got a family? Any children?

LAWTON: No. I'm not married.

JIM: Single, eh? -- Well, I'm mighty sorry, young fellow,
but there isn't a chance in the world of putting you on
one of the regular crews. The best I can do is put you
on the waiting list.

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LAWTON: But listen, I gotta get something right away, Mister - honest. I've just got to have work, Listen, I can run a grader and anything like that. I've done road work before. --

JIM: But you see, we have to give preference to the men with dependents, - with families to take care of.

LAWTON: I know, but gee, a single man's got to live too. Even if I am single, I gotta eat, ain't I?

JIM: The men with families have to come first. They have other mouths to feed besides their own, you see.

LAWTON: (SWALLOWING HARD) I --- I guess your - right, -- Mr. Robbins. Gee, I wish you could d-do something, though. I - I'm willing to work, you see. - I gotta have work!

JIM: I'm mighty sorry, boy, but all I can do is put you on the reserve list. -- Let's see, - what's your place of residence?

LAWTON: Uh - I dunno.

JIM: No place of residence, eh?

LAWTON: I - I been sleepin' in an empty shed over at Big Bend for the last couple of weeks. I used to have a good job there - at Big Bend, I mean -- see? - and I was hoping to get it back - but they told me the other day that I didn't stand a show. -- I walked all the way over here this morning, when I heard about this road job.

JIM: Walked all the way over from Big Bend? Say, that's quite a stretch. I s'pect the old dogs're pretty weary after hikin' all that distance, eh?

LAWTON: Yeah. -- It was kinda tough going - with nothin' in your belly since day before yesterday.

JIM: Hmmm. I s'pect it was. - Let's see now. You say you've had experience running a grader?

LAWTON: Yeah. I can drive a tractor, too.

JIM: Ever worked with powder?

LAWTON: Yeah, I know a little about blasting.

JIM: Uh huh. -- Well, I'm puttin' you on the reserve list, son. That's the best I can do. But it might mean a call sometime within the next six weeks.

LAWTON: Gee, I sure hope so.

JIM: We can get you with a letter to Big Bend - General Delivery, I s'pose?

LAWTON: Yeah. (GOING OFF) Well, good bye - thanks, Mister Robbins.

JIM: (CALLING AFTER HIM) Hey, wait a minute --

LAWTON: (OFF) Yeah?

JIM: Listen - (WITH CONFIDENTIAL TONE) You look kinda hungry, young fellow. -- Say, Mrs. Robbins is fixin' to have dinner pretty soon now. I guess you better stick around - wait in the other room there - 'cause I reckon she won't mind puttin' on an extra plate.

LAWTON: (UP) Thanks, Mister Robbins - (GOING OFF) Thanks a lot.

JIM: Well, Jerry, (CHUCKLES) Here's hoping that doesn't get us in wrong with Bess.

JERRY: Yeah. - I sure felt sorry for that young fellow, though,
It was a shame to have to put him off.

JIM: Yep. It's a hard job, this trying to give the work out
where it'll do the most good. -- Well, let's see who's
the next one, Jerry.

JERRY: Okay -- (SOUND OF OPENING DOOR) (OFF) All right, who's
next? --

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

JIM: (FADING IN) Uh-huh - Well, pardner, I'm sorry but that's
the best I can do for you -

VOICE: Yes sir.

JIM: And I hope things start breaking better, pardner -

VOICE: Thank you sir.

JIM: And say - by the way - Mrs. Robbins is fixin' to
have dinner pretty soon now. Suppose you stick around -
wait in the other room there - I s'pect there oughta
be enough grub in the pot for one more.

VOICE: Yes sir, (GOING OFF) thank you -

JIM: (CHUCKLING) I went and did it again, Jerry --

BESS: (OFF) Oh, Jerry --

JERRY: Yes, Mrs. Robbins?

BESS: (COMING UP) Mary Halloway just came in -

JERRY: Mary?!

JIM: (CHUCKLING) The schoolma'am, eh? Don't s'pose she
wants to see Jerry, by any chance --

BESS: Yes, she does. She wants to see you right away, Jerry.

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JERRY: Okay! 'Scuse me, Jim. I'll go see 'er right now --

(SOUND OF DOOR)

JERRY: 'lo Mary. How are you?

MARY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Fine, Jerry. -- (UP) Have you a minute to spare, Jerry? I want to see you about something very important.

JERRY: Sure. What is it, Mary?

MARY: It's awfully important. Uh - Jerry, will you promise to do something for me?

JERRY: Why of course, Mary, - anything I can.

MARY: Oh I'm sure you can do this, Jerry. It's about Mr. Armstrong.

JERRY: Armstrong - who's he?

MARY: You know - that man who lives in the old log shanty back of Pilot Knob. Jerry I want you to give him a job on the road crew.

JERRY: But Mary, we - You see, Jim is doing the selecting. -- I'm just helping out. You see we're trying to give preference to the most needy.

MARY: Oh Jerry, I'm sure none of them are more in need than the Armstrongs. Why his two children are coming to school all ragged -- poor things - and I know they don't have enough to eat, and their older sister ought to be in school too, but she's staying home because she hasn't any decent clothes to come to school in --

JERRY: Say, that's sure tough. -- Gosh, Mary, I'd sure like to help them, but the trouble is there's so many that seem to be in the same fix and we only have a little money for road work this year - just three thousand dollars is all we had allotted to the Pine Cone District.

MARY: I know, Jerry, but they're such deserving people, I've been over to see Mrs. Armstrong, and she's so discouraged - she's so frail, and just sick with worry, - and Mr. Armstrong is so anxious to have work.

JERRY: I'd sure like to help them, Mary, but -

MARY: Oh, you must help them, Jerry - You see, Mr. Armstrong used to have a fine ranch and a lot of cattle, but he lost it and they had to move. And last year he rented a place and then lost his crop on account of the drought, so he couldn't pay the rent, and now they're living in that old shack in the woods that the lumber company left. Promise me you'll do something for them, Jerry.

JERRY: Gosh, I hope we can, Mary, but you see, we can't play favorites, Mary.

MARY: Oh, I wouldn't want you to do that, Jerry. But I'm sure they're as deserving as anybody.

JERRY: Well, we're trying to give the work to the ones that need it most, as best we possibly can, Mary --

MARY: Yes, I know --

JERRY: And we have to judge each case on its merits. But I'll talk to Jim about it, Mary. Honest I will.

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MARY: Oh, will you, Jerry. I'm so glad.

JERRY: I'll let you know if we can take him on.

MARY: Oh, I hope you can.

JERRY: So do I, Mary.

MARY: (GOING OFF) Thank you so much, Jerry. I'm going to depend on you now --

JERRY: I'll do my best, Mary -- so long --

(SOUND OF DOOR)

JIM: Well there, Jerry. School marm gone already?

JERRY: Yeah. She was telling me about a man by the name of Armstrong, Jim. She wants us to put him on the road crew

JIM: Armstrong?

JERRY: Yes. He has two kids going to her school and another one that ought to be going --

JIM: Armstrong, eh? - Let me look at this list here, Jerry - Armstrong - uh huh - I've got him down here to go up on the job with the first crew, this afternoon.

JERRY: Say, that's great!

JIM: Yep. (CHUCKLING) I reckon you can tell Mary that you succeeded in granting her a very special favor, - not mentionin' the fact that we already had him down on the list, of course --

JERRY: I sure will!

JIM: Well, we've seen all the men now, Jerry. -- I wonder what Bess'll have to say about the grub situation. --

(CALLS) Oh, Bess.

BESS: (OFF) Yes, Jim.

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JIM: How about dinner, Bess?

BESS: (COMING UP) It's ready any time you are - but say, who are all those men in the other room there?

JIM: Well, you see - I told a couple of these fellows that looked kinda hungry that they ought to stick around for dinner, and --

BESS: A couple? There's at least eight men in there if there's a one!

JIM: Well, maybe I did ask more than I thought I had - Kinda let my feelings get away with me, I guess -

BESS: My heavens, you certainly did! Why Jim Robbins, there isn't enough food in the whole house for all those men!

JIM: Well - uh - I thought maybe --

BESS: (INTERRUPTING) Why imagine! Eight hungry men! And I only fixed dinner for us three! What on earth were you thinking of, Jim?

JIM: Well, I'm sorry, Bess. - I guess I better go tell 'em the deal's off - my mistake, - huh?

BESS: No indeed you won't! I'll have things ready now in just a few minutes.

JIM: Huh?

BESS: No one is going to go away hungry from this house.

JIM: (CHUCKLES)

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ANNOUNCER: Well now, isn't that just like Bess Robbins? - While the amount of national forest road construction and improvement work made possible under emergency relief funds has not been large in any single community, over the country as a whole it has provided a short period of employment for thousands of men who have had no cash income for many many months. The money earned on these improvement jobs has brought a touch of self respect and hope to thousand of desperate men and their families. The Forest Service is proud of the fact that it has been able to spread this work to the greatest possible extent and aid materially in bringing a little unemployment relief to many communities throughout the country.

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